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MISSION STATEMENT

"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, February 22, 2007

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies Comm.
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Jobs, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Rainey, R.N., Susan – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Sarro, Lt. Sherri – Law Enforcement Agencies
Schroeder, David – Fourth District
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imp. Co.

County Staff Present

Bonesteele, R.N., Jeri
Metz, R.N., Marcy

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Beeson, Travis – American Red Cross
Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Pfuhl, Chief Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association

Guests Present

Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Kusman, Travis – American Medical Response
Outlaw, Liz – Sharp Healthcare
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air

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Military Agencies
S.D. Co. Medical Society

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Darrell Jobs, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Chief Jobs announced that the LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) report on fire re-organization for the region had just been released. He encouraged attendees to review it on the LAFCO website. This was a surprise release given to LAFCO by the Department of Planning and Land Use. LAFCO wants to take over the exclusive operating areas for transporting ambulances.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Kelly Forman, R.N., Seconded by Linda Broyles, R.N., to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. EMCC PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION made by Kelly Forman, R.N., Seconded by Linda Broyles, R.N., to approve Policies K-9 and K-12 with some minor revisions on K-12. MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Kelly Forman, R.N., Seconded by Linda Broyles, R.N., to approve Policies S-006, S-007, S-009 and S-010 as submitted. MOTION carried.

V. EMCC DISASTER/OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The EMCC Disaster/Operations subcommittee met on January 31, 2007. Chief Pete Lawrence, Oceanside Fire, had concerns regarding decreasing the congestion in the prehospital setting when transporting patients in an Annex D. The subcommittee approved the following wording:

“In a declared Annex D event, it is expected that all receiving hospitals will accept at least one immediate and one delayed patient. Incident Management personnel are authorized to transport up to one immediate and/or one delayed patient to each receiving facility upon initial base hospital contact. Any additional patients transported will be in accordance with bed counts from the base hospitals.”

The wording, which is expected to be put into Annex D, will also need to go to the Unified Disaster Council for their approval.

VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

(Marcy Metz, R.N.): The decision has not yet been finalized on the proposed sale of Paradise Valley Hospital.

The STEMI Receiving Centers were activated last month and are functioning well. The door-to-balloon times have been excellent. One concern has been over-triage. Paramedics are conducting more EKG's on patients and trying to get them to a receiving center if they suspect a cardiac problem. The next meeting of the Cardiac Advisory Committee will be in April, 2007.

County EMS is collecting data on infectious disease exposures in the field to see if paramedics and EMT's are receiving timely follow-up care.

Hospital visits for influenza are lower this year than last. During the past month, there was an increase in hospital bypasses. County EMS is working with the Emergency Medical Oversight Committee for hospitals to report twice a day on how many patients they're holding in the Quality Assurance Network Quality Collector System.

The new changes on the protocols were presented at the last Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting this past Tuesday.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

Nancy Bowen, M.D., resigned as County Public Health Officer this past month. Wilma Wooten, M.D., is currently filling in as Interim County Public Health Officer until a permanent replacement is hired.

Interviews are underway to replace Annie Marcotte, R.N. as Quality Assurance Specialist. Interviews for two other Q.A. Specialist positions are also being conducted.

The next County-wide disaster drill is scheduled for March 8-9, 2007 and the Medical Operations Center at County EMS will be fully activated for the drill.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

MOTION made by Kelly Forman, R.N., Seconded by Bruce Fried to adjourn the meeting. MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS

